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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Stephen C. Ekker et al.
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, be extended for three months to and including September 12, 2003.

Enclosed is a check for \$465 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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